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2008 YARD WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM STARTS MAY 5

Medicine Hat – The City's annual Yard Waste Collection Program is set to resume May 5, 2008, weather permitting.

To ensure your yard waste is picked up by City crews:

- All material must be at the curb / lane by 7 a.m. on your collection day.
- The maximum weight of a container, bag or bundle is 25 kilograms (55 lbs).
- Tie branches and twigs in bundles with biodegradable string or twine. The maximum length for woody materials is 1.2 metres (48").
- **Place yard waste in open, reusable containers (standard 77-litre) labeled "For Composting" or paper yard waste bags (No plastic bags).** Yard waste set out in plastic bags is collected as garbage and taken to the landfill.
- Set yard waste containers apart from garbage containers and label them with the "For Composting" labels (available from City Hall or Environmental Utilities) facing the street / lane.
- Yard waste materials include garden trimmings, grass clippings, leaves, branches, twigs and plants.

"The success of the waste diversion program is based on residents following the "set out" guidelines," said Ed Jollymore, Manager of the Solid Waste Utility Department.

Garbage and yard waste are collected on the same day by separate trucks. The collection of household garbage is the City's first priority. Due to the significant volumes of yard waste in the spring, the City may have to leave a small portion of a route incomplete. If this happens, the garbage or yard waste will be collected at a later date.

Residents and/or their lawn care companies can assist by self hauling larger volumes of yard waste to the City's Compost facility, located approximately three kilometres off Highway 41A, just past the city limits.

For more information on any of the City of Medicine Hat Waste Management programs, call the Environmental Utilities department at 529-8176, or visit www.medicinehat.ca.

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